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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Miguel Molina,

Petitioner,

v.

Ben Curry, Warden,

Respondent.

C07-3313 MMC

**REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF
TIME TO FILE A RESPONSIVE
PLEADING; DECLARATION OF
COUNSEL**

Judge: The Honorable Maxine M. Chesney

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSIVE PLEADING

Petitioner Miguel Molina is a California state inmate proceeding pro se in this habeas corpus action. Petitioner, who is currently serving an indeterminate sentence for second-degree murder, alleges that the Governor unconstitutionally denied him parole in a 2003 parole reversal. On October 16, 2007, this Court issued an order to show cause why the writ should not be granted. For the reasons set forth in the accompanying declaration of counsel, Respondent

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Req. for Ext. of Time to File a Response; Decl. of Counsel

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1 respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time, up to and including February 15, 2008, to
2 file a responsive pleading in this matter.

3 Dated: January 16, 2008

4 Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF COUNSEL

I, Brian C. Kinney, declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of the State of California. I am employed by the California Office of the Attorney General as a Deputy Attorney General, in the Correctional Writs and Appeals section.

2. I am the attorney assigned to respond to the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by inmate Miguel Molina.

3. On October 16, 2007, this Court issued an order to show cause requiring Respondent to file a responsive pleading by January 16, 2008. This matter was assigned to me on November 5, 2007. That same day, my paralegal requested Petitioner's state superior court decision from the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court, and Petitioner's state appellate court decision from the California Second District Court of Appeal.

4. The California Attorney General's Office never received these state court decisions and recently re-requested them. The Attorney General's Office has yet to receive these documents.

5. In addition, it appears that Petitioner filed a second habeas petition on the same issue in the California Court of Appeal after his first denial. Therefore, the California Attorney General's Office also recently requested this second appellate decision. And the Attorney General's Office has yet to receive this decision as well.

6. As a result, I am respectfully requesting an extension of time because I lack these decisions necessary to prepare a thorough responsive pleading. I respectfully request an additional thirty days, up to and including February 15, 2008, to file a responsive pleading in this matter.

7. Petitioner is representing himself, and, because he is currently incarcerated, he is not easily reachable for notification that I am requesting an extension of time.

8. This request is not made for any purpose of harassment, undue delay, or for any improper reason.

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2 9. Without an extension of time, Respondent would be substantially harmed or prejudiced
3 because Respondent would not have an opportunity to prepare a thorough responsive pleading.

4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct, and that this declaration
5 was executed on January 16, 2008, in San Francisco, California.

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/S/ BRIAN C. KINNEY

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Deputy Attorney General

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: **Miguel Molina v. Ben Curry, Warden**

Case No.: **C07-3313 MMC**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On **January 16, 2008**, I served the attached

**1) REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSIVE PLEADING;
DECLARATION OF COUNSEL**

2) [PROPOSED] ORDER

by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004, addressed as follows:

Miguel Molina (D-21051)
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P.O. Box 705, WA-324
Soledad, CA 93960-0686
IN PRO PER

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on **January 16, 2008**, at San Francisco, California.

R. Panganiban
Declarant

/S/ R. Panganiban
Signature